



Peace Action New York State OUT OF IRAQ BILL GUIDE

Below is a guide to the different bills that have been introduced in the Senate and the House. You can find out if your Representative has signed on to any of these by visiting www.thomas.loc.gov. Type in the bill number and you can see a list of co-sponsors.

S. Res 171, Senator Feingold (D)

This bill calls for the President to submit to Congress a series of time frames for completing our mission and withdrawing our troops from Iraq 30 days after the bill is passed. This is the only Senate bill related to the Iraq war. Neither Hillary Clinton nor Chuck Schumer have co-sponsored this bill.

H. Res 4232, *The End the War in Iraq Act of 2005*, Rep. McGovern (D)

This bill calls prohibits funds for deploying troops to Iraq. Funds can only be used to: “provide for the safe and orderly withdrawal of the Armed Forces from Iraq; ensure the security of Iraq and the transition to democratic rule by--carrying out consultations with the Government of Iraq, other foreign governments, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the United Nations, and other international organizations; providing financial assistance or equipment to Iraqi security forces and international forces in Iraq; ... carrying out social and economic reconstruction activities.”

H.J. Res 55, *Homeward Bound*, Reps. Abercrombie (D), and Jones (R)

This bill called for the President to develop an exit plan for Iraq by December 31, 2005 and begin withdrawing troops no later than October 1, 2006. The United States should aid in a peaceful transition toward Iraqi self-government. At the end of 2005, Rep. Abercrombie filed a discharge petition (H. Res 543) on HJ Res 55. When 218 reps sign the petition (which doesn't often happen), HJ Res 55 will go to the floor for a debate.

H. C. Res 35, Rep. Woolsey (D)

This bill, introduced a year ago, “expresses the sense of Congress that the President should develop and implement a plan to begin the immediate withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq, develop and implement a plan for reconstructing Iraq's civil and economic infrastructure; convene an emergency meeting of Iraq's leadership, Iraq's neighbors, the United Nations, and the Arab League to create an international peacekeeping force in Iraq and to replace United States Armed Forces in Iraq with Iraqi police and Iraqi National Guard forces to ensure Iraq's security; and take all steps necessary to provide the Iraqi people with the opportunity to completely control their internal affairs.”

H. J. Res 73, Rep. Murtha (D)

The Murtha Plan calls for an end to U.S.'s presence in Iraq and a redeployment of the troops around Iraqi borders. A quick-reaction U.S. force and an over-the-horizon presence of U.S. Marines shall be deployed in the region. The United States of America shall pursue security and stability in Iraq through diplomacy.

H. C. Res 197

This bill, introduced by Rep. Lee, calls for U.S. government support of Iraqi independence after troop withdrawal by leaving no permanent bases in Iraq.